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SUBJ: WIDE PRESS PLAY GIVEN TO REPORTED TURKISH AERIAL

PROVOCATIONS IN AEGEAN AND EVROS AREAS

1. GREEK LANGUAGE PRESS MARCH 22 GAVE PROMINENT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO REPORTED SERIES OF RECENT TURKISH AERIAL PROVOCATIONS IN AEGEAN AND EVROS AREAS. NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THAT GOG HAS MADE STRONG PROTESTS OVER THESE INCIDENTS TO GOT WHICH, ACCORDING TO VIMA, WERE REJECTED BY GOT CLAIMING INCIDENTS DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. FIRST INCIDENT REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE ALONG EVROS RIVER BOUNDARY ON MARCH 19 WHEN TURKS DIRECTED ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ON UNARMED GREEK RECONNAISSANCE PLANE FLYING IN GREEK AIR SPACE. PLANE MANAGED TO LAND SAFELY DISPUTE MINOR DAMAGES SUFFERED. SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED ON MARCH 20 WHEN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER TURKISH JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, PARTICIPATING IN TURKISH AIR AND SEA EXERCISES IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, OVERFLEW GREEK ISLANDS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS, INCLUDING AN OVERFLIGHT OF ISLAND OF KHIOS BY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.

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3. SAMPLING OF HEADLINES AFFORDS FLAVOR OF PRESS COVERAGE:

"SUCCESSIVE VIOLATIONS OF OUR AIR SPACE; GREEK AIRCRAFT FIRED
ON BY THE TURKS" (AKROPOLIS); "AERIAL PROVOCATIONS BY THE
TURKS IN THE AEGEAN" (TO VIMA); "TURKS FIRED UPON OUR
AIRCRAFT AND TURKISH FIGHTERS FLY ABOVE THE AEGEAN"
(ELEFTHEROS COSMOS). ATHENS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS ALSO CARRIED
STORIES ON FRONT PAGE WITH ATHENS DAILY POST HEADLINING
ITS STORY "SITUATION TENSE AS TURKS FIRE ON GREEK PLANE."
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